



Wisconsin Conservation Congress
Outdoor Heritage and Education
Meeting Minutes

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ORDER OF BUSINESS	08/10/2019	9:30 am	Wild Rose Fish Hatchery N5871 HWY 22 Wild Rose
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by	Chairman Kevin Smaby at 9:30 am
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B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	Donald Dukerschein, Lisa Wilson, Kevin Smaby, Jessica Tomaszewski, Scott Bestul, Vanessa Brotske, Mitch Baker, Gary Dieck, Trent Tonn, Michael Gotstein, YCC ; Samantha Hammiller, DNR; Emily Iehl, Theresa Stabo
EXCUSED	Allan Pribnow, Frank Pratt, Tracy Swedlund, Rick Wayne, Brad Martinson
UNEXCUSED	Jerald Huston, Douglas Nelson, Kathleen Tober
GUESTS	Brad Heath resolution 170119

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

DISCUSSION	Since we are taking tour of fish hatchery we should do member matters before going on tour
ACTION	motion to do member matters before tour passes unanimous

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

DISCUSSION	mission statement read by Chairman Smaby
ACTION	motion to approve by Trent Tonn 2nd by Gary Dieck motion passes unanimous

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION	none
ACTION	nne

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A. 160219, 170119, 250319, 360319, 610319, 700219

1.	Educating hunters on risk posed by CWD infected carcasses	Brad Heath resolution 170119
	DISCUSSION	Motion to forward by Trent Tonn, 2nd by Donald Dukerschein. Lengthy discussion on what was best way to get risk of CWD infected carcasses information out to the deer hunting public, and what are the most important points of information to get out to hunters. It was decided that the best way to get info out to deer hunters was to have it printed with your license, information to include; proper carcass disposal, testing site information, biological information.
	ACTION	With approval of author, resolution was amended to read; Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) continues to spread to new areas of Wisconsin. According to a USGS expert on CWD, infected carcasses pose the highest risk of spreading CWD to new areas of the state. Hunters do not want to spread CWD to new areas of the state, but unfortunately many hunters are not aware of the high risk infected carcasses play in the spread of CWD. Proper disposal of carcasses is crucial to preventing further spread of CWD within the state. The Wisconsin DNR needs to develop a better strategy to educate hunters in the state. The current DNR pamphlet needs to be condensed to prioritize proper carcass disposal, testing and site information, and biological information. The Conservation Congress recommends that the Wisconsin DNR distributes this newly condensed CWD information to increase hunter awareness on the high risk CWD infected carcasses pose. This information will be automatically printed with each deer hunting license purchase. Question: Do you support the Wisconsin Conservation Congress recommend to the Wisconsin DNR to print CWD information with each deer license to increase hunter awareness on the proper disposal of deer carcasses, testing site information, and biological information? Motion by Gary Dieck, 2nd by Jessica Tomaszewski to approve ammended resolution Motion carries

	unanimous.
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Smaby will inform all authors of passage of ammended resolution	

2.	resolution 150319 Increase publication of the Natural Resources Magazine from 4 to 6 times a year	resolution read by chairman Smaby
DISCUSSION	motion to forward by Donald Dukerschein, 2nd by Jessica Tomaszewski Chairman Smaby contacted Andrea Zani editor if the Natural Resource magazine who explained that magazine was totally cut from 2017-2019 budget but outpouring from public it was decided to settle on 4 issues per year. There has not been many complaints to Andrea on the cut to 4 issues per year, and it gives them more time to prepare articles and stories, she thinks giving them a more quality product.	
ACTION	Motion by Dukerschein and Tomaszewski to forward fails Motion to reject by Mitch Baker, 2nd by Gary Dieck motion passes unanimous	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
Smaby will inform author of rejection		

B. Department Information and updates, Annual R3 report

Theresa Stabo, Emily Iehl DNR

DISCUSSION	Theresa Stabo; Fishing for dinner classes expanded and held in 4 locations, Stevens Point, Madison, Devils Lake State Park, and Driftless Folk School. Trying to target older youth and adults that may not been exposed as youth. Angler ed program grants, 10 were funded with \$63,000.00 awarded. Tackel loan program has 57 sites with over 7300 people served. R3 grant applications set to open mid August will be due mid September. Surprise drop in fishing license sales, no apparent reason seen for drop, want any ideas on what to do to reverse. Emily Iehl; Taking over for Keith Warnke. Learn to hunt program is not bringing many new hunters into sport, so reimbursement may be discontinued. Hunting for food , focus on adults has been sucessful, expanded from Madison to include Viroqua, Baraboo, and Amery, with more expansion wanted. Two biggest barriers to new hunters continuing in outdoor sports is access to property, and mentors who will continue to support (for a few years) after initial contact. Want to target families from non- hunting backgrounds into sport.	
ACTION		
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

C. Tour of Wild Rose Fish hatchery

[PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	Short video explaining how eggs are processed, and fish reared, followed by tour of hatchery, amazing the technology involved, and safety protocol, to ensure sucessful raising of fish to be released.	
ACTION		
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

III. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION	Scott Bestul; Idea from Minnesota that has free small game weekend for anyone who takes a youth 15 or younger out with them ,will work on resolution for next year. Samantha Hammiller YCC delegate; Interesting to see what goes into making rule changes. Trent Tonn; Make sure to encourage YCC delegates to all Conservation Congress meetings, and make them welcome. Mitch Baker; Working with new YCC delegate, The carcass dumpster program, and cost sharing, and adopt a dumpster for carcass disposal. Don Dukerschein working with youth delegate. Kevin Smaby; reminder to fill out committee evaluation forms, and reimbursement forms. Next meeting tentative for 2nd Saturday in August 2020
ACTION	

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	3:10 pm
SUBMITTED BY	Scott Bestul
DATE	08/12/2019